

Building and Grounds Committee

(Via Zoom Videoconference and Courthouse, Room 205)

MINUTES

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Payne at 9:00 a.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Members Present: Roger Lindl

Members Present via Videoconference: Curtis Backlund, Laura Payne, Mary Roberts and Greg David

Others Present: Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator

Other Present via Videoconference: Anthony Maas, Maas Bros Construction; Ron Locast, Kevin Anderson and Jared Ramthun, Potter Lawson.

3. **Certification of compliance with the Open Meetings Law**

Wehmeier reported that the meeting agenda was properly noticed in compliance with the law.

4. **Review of the Agenda**

No changes were made

5. **Public Comment**

None

6. **Communications**

None

7. **Approval of the December 2, 2020 Building and Grounds Committee minutes**

Minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Backlund/Lindl to approve the December 2, 2020 Building and Grounds Committee minutes as printed. Motion passed 5-0.

8. **Discussion and Update of Courthouse and Sheriff Renovation Project**

Wehmeier said that we had postponed this for a few months and are discussing this again now that we have a better understanding of where COVID is at and the future of the workforce. They would like to discuss this so that the board has the answers they need to understand the project and feel comfortable with pursuing it. Maas discussed Value Engineering Phasing and Mechanical, Electric Plumbing Costs. The most efficient way to do this is to do it all at once so you aren't duplicating the work. Maas discussed some different phasing options that could be considered. Ramthun said if they just pursued the Mechanicals you would still be touching every square footage of the building and it would not be a good option if you plan on renovating in the future. There is also inflation to consider. Backlund said that his constituents understood the need for the need for this project. Wehmeier said that the county's fiscal position is solid. The rates are historically low for bonding. Wehmeier talked about the advantages to the jail, courts and administrative services by completing this project. Locast said that this is not a band aid approach. It will be sufficient for 30 years. The renovation will provide flexibility for the future and energy savings over the next 30 years. Locast said that this is a fluid plan and the next step would be to look at the schematic design to see if there are any options for cost savings. Payne discussed next steps. Wehmeier suggested holding a joint meeting with the Finance Committee and Executive Committees to prepare for the March County Board meeting. The committee, with the exception of David, supports moving the project forward. No action taken.

9. **Update on South Campus project**

Wehmeier said that the South Campus project is ending. There are a few change orders that they are working through. They will also be looking at replacing the water main in that area prior to resurfacing the road and parking lot. No action taken.

10. **Financial Reports (YTD)**

- a. Central Services
- b. Management Information Systems (MIS)

Financial Reports were provided for review. No action taken.

11. **Discuss future meeting schedule. Set next meeting date:** There will be a joint meeting of Building and Grounds, Finance and Executive Committees scheduled in February.

12. **Discuss potential agenda items for the Committee's next meeting**

- a. Approval of Minutes from February 3, 2021
- b. Discussion and Possible Action on Courthouse and Sheriff Renovation Project

13. **Adjourn.**

Motion by Roberts/Lind to adjourn at 10:01 a.m.